

National Public Order SME Working Group

Assembled by the National Tactical Support Group Program (NTSGP) to discuss potential approaches for the

Ottawa Freedom Convoy

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Take Away Points

- Be very alive to counter surveillance, covert vehicles and being in tune/in contact with Real Time Intelligence Center (RTIC) or the Ontario equivalent (Derek Westwick, LMDTT)
- Be alive to occupations outside the cordon/perimeter (**Nick** Paulet, WPS)
- For consideration, push on the first movement and Isolate/Contain whoever remains; leaving resources behind to ensure safety behind the line, etc. (Ave C)
- Do what we teach: Isolate, Contain, Disperse (Ave C)
- Be alive to kettling; consider setting up a line for filtering; if there's a concern regarding long guns, etc., states that's and ETF movement and not able to advise on that (Ave C)
- For consideration, treat those that stay as barricaded and slow things down (Wallace Gossen, York)
- For consideration, start in the middle and push out to the sides (Ave C.) / Concerns in the group regarding arcs of fire, etc.
- Consider the pockets of trucks in behind the tributary; what routes can be used in that 30 hours and what resources do we have to monitor and control those routes? (Phillipe Montpiere, OPP)
- Need to identify warm zone for extra control (Ave C.)
- Need to take away the trucks' mobility, de-mobilize and/or hard block; No vehicle egress unless police control; people egress only (Ave C.)
- Taking stock of potential population at time of event; points of egress (one vs. many); PLT's can peel off people in conversation and helping facilitate exit, Must have a strong traffic plan to coincide with the POU plan (Rick Bernard, RCMP)
- Facility for those displaced needs to be available, accessible and known (Phillipe Montpiere, OPP)
- For consideration; thought with respect to the speed of the operation ie factoring in counter intel, ex-military/police planners entrenched / Resources in reserve to deal with counter measures (Moe Rosa)
- Messaging needs to be clear and strong; words on the ground are important (Ave C.)
- ROE regarding command levels, mass crowds; impact / gas/ etc impacts/ Initial discussions with Crown Counsel and standing up a special bail court; from experience very much a catch and release situation (Jeff Gauvin, OPP)
- Re-iterated "warm zone" is necessary; Covid considerations for mass arrest and Bill C-75 (Mike Balmaceda, Michael <Michael.Balmaceda@rcmp-grc.gc.ca>, H Div RCMP)

Franz Schoening from Portland

- Medical on stand by
- Be alive to the fact; you are already in conflict. It's not coming, you're in it now

- Asymmetrical conflict; Be creative
Continued...
- Contain, Clear then...? They are well coordinated; they know how to adapt and overcome
- Force multiplier; if there's a video of an assault PO etc, pro-active message and send it out from our side
- Fencing was used against police
- Build in documenting time!! The resources can't just be relieved for rest, documentation time is critical
- Think long term; may win the battle but minimize the long term damage that organizations will feel for years to come

Cap. Spencer Fomby – Boise Idaho / National Tac Ops Association

- Be alive to political interference; need the political and police exec support who understand the plan
- *Notes were sent to Darwin via email

Pete Davidoff – Montgomery County

- Be ready for challenge and be ready to change in center & focus
- Document and Signage will be critical for after action processes
- Do it slow and do it right; Be deliberate with use of force and be quick in getting media attention on offensive action against the police
- Pre-operational education for PLT's
- Balance out who all the clients are and what we can do to meet needs/goals

Alan Hanson – Fairfax County

- Echoes what's been said, Strategic Communications are KEY
- Strat Comms will pay dividends with the public
- Seems to be a propensity for blocking bridges; and do it well. Need to be alive to that and pro-actively take control of them.

Lt. Ryan Schauf – US Capital Police

- Threat to police: Bear Spray & OC; On site decontamination
- Threat to police: WD40, petroleum products used to clog up gas mask filters; once mask off, then police bear sprayed
- Bio hazards (PPE and decontamination)
- EOD K9 for sweeps; search for packages
- Air Monitors for air borne contaminants

Daniel Grenier – PPD

- Will support in any way; access to many angles on CCTV, Rooftops, etc.
- Areas of Concern; others can reinforce once word goes out (come in to the downtown core from Coventry, etc.)
- Vehicles can be mobilized and used as weapons
- Other weapons of opportunity

Rene Gaemers – Royal Dutch Marche / Amsterdam

- Identify soft targets in the area, other areas aside from trucks where people can barricade inside
- Send documentation to Darwin
- Fire hazards? Consult

Neil Pollock – London Met, Tac Ad

- Concerns re: controversy regarding denying rights ie: the optics of taking away toilets & water
- For consideration, shut down cell network
- Once contained, treat well and it will up paranoia (set up cycles for them to stay awake and keep an eye for them, etc.)
- Who's documenting and capturing video?